

St Francis Xavier Parish Usual Timetable					
	1st Sun of Month	2nd Sun of Month	3rd Sun of Month	4th Sun of Month	5th Sun of Month
St Francis Xavier	5pm Sat Vigil (June, July, Aug) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Miha)	5pm Sat Vigil (June, July, Aug) 8am & 10am Sun	5pm Sat Vigil (June, July, Aug) 8am & 10am Sun	5pm Sat Vigil (June, July, Aug) 8am Sun 10am Sun (Family Mass)	5pm Sat Vigil (June, July, Aug) 8am & 10am Sun
Ruakaka	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy	10.30am Eucharist	10.30 am *Liturgy
Hikurangi	8:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am Eucharist	10:00am *Liturgy	10:00am *Liturgy
Whangarei Heads	5pm Sat Vigil May –October 6pm Nov - April	8:30am *Liturgy	///	8:30am *Liturgy	///
Maungatapere	///	///	8.30am *Liturgy	8.30am Eucharist	///
Maungakaramea	10.30am Eucharist	///	10.30am *Liturgy	///	///
Matapouri Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - March; May; July; Sept; Nov			* Liturgy means Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion /// means no LOW or Eucharist.	
Poroti, Miha	12 noon 3rd Sunday of Month: - Feb; April; June; Aug; Oct; Dec				
Piwiwai, Miha	12 noon 5th Sunday of the month				
Eucharist Weekdays and Other Ceremonies					
Monday 7am Eucharist	Tuesday 9am Eucharist	Wednesday 12.10pm Eucharist	Thursday 7am Eucharist	Friday 12.10pm Eucharist	Saturday 8am Eucharist
<b>Exposition:</b> Fri 6am; & 11am - Midday. <b>Rosary:</b> Sat 7.30am..				<b>Reconciliation Rite I :</b> 11.30am Fri & Saturday.	
6pm. Wednesdays of the month. Novena - Filipino Community. 5pm. 5th Sunday of month. Mass - Filipino Community. Please note: (No Mass on 29 May 2022)					



**Newcomers** - please make yourself known to a greeter before Mass. Please take a *New Parishioner Pack* from the Church foyer, fill out and return to the Parish Office. Thank you.

**Prayers please for these people and their families.... and those who are sick and their caregivers especially:** Evar Davis, Margaret Pool.

**Recently deceased:** Jemima Warrington, (daughter of Tracy and Craig), Mavis Ulrich, (aunt of Mary Ann Reed), Jean Woods, (wife of the late William (Bill) Woods), Margaret Shanly, Molly Lockhart, Sue Pirini, (wife of the late Dick Pirini), Clark Morunga.

**Anniversaries:** Michael Redfern, Dcn Murray Morgan, Eva Schaumkel, Jim Thornton, Doug Dawson, Teresa Freeman, Peter Eilers.



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Ruakaka; Hikurangi; Whangarei Heads; Maungatapere;  
Maungakaramea; Matapouri; Poroti; Piwiwai.

**Priests** Fr Brian Prendeville sm (pp), Fr Peter McDermott sm, Fr Trevor Tindall sm.  
Deacons Jim Nees, Nimo Ponifasio.

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**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD**

**29 May 2022 Year C**

**Next Week's Readings: (PENTECOST SUNDAY) Acts 2:1-11, Romans 8:8-17; John 14:15-16, 23-26**

*Have you been to New York?*

*No, I haven't been to New York!*

*Would you like to go to New York?*

*No, I love Whangarei.!*

*In all our cities and towns, we have stories of people who are intent to be a citizen of influence...*

In 1981 the New York Library, one of the finest buildings in New York, was full of decay, there were 7.7 million books (many of them rare and valuable, gathering dust and crumbling on 385 km of stacks. The staff were underpaid, made redundant, and downhearted.

The beautiful parts of the building were made into offices for personnel and accounting. The lights didn't work, and everything was gloomy, grey, dull and deathly. The curtains fell apart and the Historic marble lions called Patience and Fortitude had dust, grime and all of the New York air ingrained into the marble. The place around where so many words lived in books was for the dead and dying, and used for all the purposes that bring a culture of death.

The main problems were not visible, it faced millions of dollar debt, people who loved and use the library, scholars, students and children, parents and lonely, lovers and devourers of books, the place to gather and to read, they were denied entry and the place was slowly closing down.

Then one person starting saying this over and over and over again...

*"Think of a lone person in one of our reading rooms, who has just read a book, a single book that has perhaps not been read in 20 years by another living soul, and from that reading comes a discovery of infinite importance to the human race. It makes a person tremble." What a book can do. The Power of the word.*

Apply this to the Word who today is joined with the Father, the day that humanity makes its home in Heaven. What The Word could do, from the Word comes a change of incalculable importance to the whole of humanity, it makes us quiver what the Word can do.  
Fr Brian Prendeville sm

**Please note:** Our priests are away for the day on Thursday 2 June following 7am Mass.



**Public Holiday.** As Monday 6 June is a Public Holiday (Queen's Birthday), Mass will be celebrated at 8am.

**Pentecost Vigil of prayer.** Proposal: that the parish has a vigil of prayer on the Eve of Pentecost to the morning of Pentecost Sunday. The organisation of this is determined by the willingness of families and groups to take a small part of this through the night. If insufficient support it won't happen. The possibility to have a shared Sunday Meal at Midday on Pentecost Sunday. Once again, if no interest is shown it won't happen. Why we should do this, the birthday of the Church, and the Renewal of our mission to Proclaim Christ to all. Please contact the Parish Office.

**Winter Mass time change.** In June, July and August we will have the Saturday Vigil Mass at 5pm rather than six.

**Sacramental Programme. Starts today Sunday 29th of May at 4pm here in Saint Francis Xavier Church.** First combined meeting of the Leaders and all participants parents and guardians.

**Eftpos Machine.** We are in the process of obtaining an Eftpos machine. Many people do not carry cash. People have expressed a wish to have an Eftpos facility in our parish. We offer this on Sundays and in the Office. It will be used for cash donations and transactions only. It will not record planned giving information.

### **World Communications Day. Today Sunday 29 May.**

The theme for the 2022 World Day of Social Communications is "*Listening with the ear of the heart*". Pope Francis invites us to reflect that listening involves more than simply the sense of hearing.

**The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.** 29 May—5 June. The theme this year is "*We saw His star in the east, and we came to worship Him*", from Matthew's account of the Magi visiting the infant Jesus. Cardinal John Dew's letter is available from the foyer.

◆ **The Affordability of Housing Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice and Peace Commission advocates for everyone to have affordable, warm and dry housing particularly those in greatest need. It currently needs new members. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact: Peter Garrick Executive Secretary [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

◆ **The Social Hazards Committee** of the Diocese of Auckland's Justice & Peace Commission needs new members. It advocates to overcome exploitation of people, loan sharks, gambling and alcohol harm. If you have an interest in serving in this area please contact : Peter Garrick Executive Secretary [peterg@cda.org.nz](mailto:peterg@cda.org.nz) phone 022 1300 730

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: Never be a prisoner of your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence.

### **Auckland Catholic Diocese News.**

☐ **Synod update** | We are in the final stages of the diocesan phase of the Synod on Synodality. Saturday 14 May was the pre-synod meeting where people from across the diocese gathered to listen to what has been heard so far and continue to feedback to the synthesis process. To learn more and find updates regarding where we are at <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/synod/>

☐ **Do you know someone** who is blind or visually impaired that would appreciate access to books on faith topics and inspiration? Perhaps you could put them in touch with the Xavier Society for the Blind that provides braille and audio books free. Go to website <https://xaviersocietyfortheblind.org/> Email [info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org](mailto:info@xaviersocietyfortheblind.org)

☐ **Bishop's Jubilee Bursary Semester 2 2022** Jubilee Bursary Contribution towards fees for Theology and RE courses at degree and post graduate level Applications close Thursday, 9 June 2022 please contact: Michelle Jarvis [michellej@cda.org.nz](mailto:michellej@cda.org.nz)

☐ **For Families: Kids Korner:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/SEVENTH-SUNDAY-of-EASTER.pdf>

**Parent Ponderings:** <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2022/05/Bathroom-Commode-1.pdf>

**Every Wednesday at 6pm,** the Filipino community pray a Novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help in the side Chapel of our Church. All welcome.

**Please note:** The Filipino Mass scheduled for today, Sunday 29 May at 5pm is cancelled.



**Martha and Mary Group next meet on Friday 3 June at 10am** in the Parish Hall for companionship, listening and learning. All welcome. Enquiries to Joan 435 4012.

### **World Environment Day Sunday 5 June.**

World Environment Day 2022 is hosted by Sweden. "*Only One Earth*" is the campaign slogan, with the focus on "Living Sustainably in Harmony with Nature".

**Let us celebrate nature:** Take the time to marvel at her beauty. Visit a local park, beach, or volcanic cone - try a new path or cycle way or just rejoice over nature for her beauty and for all she provides us with. Let us consider what we can do practically to live a sustainable lifestyle and this way protect our "One Earth": Maybe check out JPC "23 green tips" here: <https://www.aucklandcatholic.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/23-Green-tips-Small-Steps-Towards-a-Sustainable-Life.pdf>

**Pax Christi Aotearoa NZ: Care for Creation.** Small steps we can take towards living a sustainable life are:

1. Take a reusable coffee cup or mug when buying a takeaway coffee.
2. Always carry a water bottle that is reusable instead of buying bottled water.
3. Use a reusable lunchbox and beeswax infused cotton wraps instead of wrapping sandwiches in plastic.

**Tax receipts and Planned Giving envelopes** are now in the Parish Office. Please call in and collect. Thank you

**Kamo Prayer Group** meet every Tuesday during term time, 10am to 12 noon. Phone Anne Marie for details 021 140 4657



It costs \$5,270.24 to run the parish each week. This week we received \$5,257.50 from all collections. Thank you

*Please remember the Parish in your Will*